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LETTER DATED 10 FEBRUARY 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

With the aggression by the Republic of Armenia against the Azerbaijani Republic now in its sixth year, more than 20 per cent of Azerbaijani territory has been subjected to full "ethnic cleansing" and is under Armenian occupation; the number of refugees and displaced persons exceeds one million.

The desperate attempts of the Republic of Armenia to demonstrate its alleged non-participation in the aggression waged against Azerbaijan and its non-involvement in events in the Nagorny Karabakh region of the Azerbaijani Republic are fully belied by the documentary evidence of such participation which has been submitted to you, evidence which was obtained in the course of military actions and also acknowledged by members of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia taken prisoner in battles in the Kelbajar district of the Azerbaijani Republic (S/1994/108, S/1994/147).

Armenia's armed aggression against Azerbaijan is the manifestation of its annexationist designs on a neighbouring State which were formalized upon the adoption by the Supreme Council of the Armenian SSR, on 1 December 1989, of the decision entitled "Reunification of the Armenian SSR and Nagorny Karabakh". That decision of the Armenian parliament, the purpose of which is to annex part of the territory of another State, is in itself a flagrant violation of the basic norms of international law. Incidentally, "the Armenian SSR and Nagorny Karabakh" have never been a single State entity.

Paragraph 3 of the aforementioned decision states: "The Supreme Council of the Armenian SSR and the National Council of Nagorny Karabakh proclaim the reunification of the Armenian SSR and Nagorny Karabakh. The rights of citizenship of the Armenian SSR are extended to the people of Nagorny Karabakh."

Paragraph 4 states: "The Supreme Council of the Armenian SSR and the National Council of Nagorny Karabakh shall establish a joint commission (with its own working structure) to determine the practical arrangements for effecting the reunification of the Armenian SSR and Nagorny Karabakh".

Paragraph 6 observes: "The Presidium of the Supreme Council of the Armenian SSR, the Council of Ministers of the Armenian SSR and the National Council of the Nagorny Karabakh Autonomous Region are asked to take any measure under this decision that may be required to effect the true merging of the political, economic and cultural structures of the Armenian SSR and Nagorny Karabakh in a single political and State system".

It is fully evident that the Armenian aggression being waged against Azerbaijan is also pursuant to the call by the highest legislative body in the country - the Supreme Council - for "the true merging of the political, economic and cultural structures of the Armenian SSR and Nagorny Karabakh in a single political and State system".

What additional documents and facts can be needed to establish Armenia's territorial designs on Azerbaijan, for which it is committing aggression against Azerbaijan?

In this connection, various representatives of Armenia have stated that the aforementioned decision was taken at the time of a "communist regime" in Armenia, or rather the Armenian SSR, and that the decision is therefore without force. However, the flimsiness of such excuses is borne out by the fact that the "Declaration on the sovereignty of Armenia" was adopted on 23 August 1990 and was signed by Mr. L. Ter-Petrossian, who was at the time the head of the Armenian parliament and the de facto head of State.

Thus, in the preamble to the Declaration it is expressly emphasized that the Declaration is based on "the joint decision of the Supreme Council of the Armenian SSR and the National Council of Nagorny Karabakh of 1 December 1989 on "The reunification of the Armenian SSR and Nagorny Karabakh". This is direct evidence of the continuity between the two State acts.

From the foregoing it clearly emerges that the Republic of Armenia has from the outset followed a policy of territorial designs on the Azerbaijani Republic and continues to follow that policy today. Realizing its total impunity, Armenia embarked on and is continuing armed aggression against Azerbaijan the purpose of which is to annex parts of Azerbaijani territory.

The time has come for the United Nations Security Council to censure the Republic of Armenia for its aggression against Azerbaijan and to take against the Republic of Armenia appropriate measures under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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